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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH TROOPS REMOVED FROM SUVLA BAY AND ANZAC.

ONE OF THE GREATEST FEATS OF THE WHOLE WAR.

Greek Officers Threaten to Join French Army.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE IN THE WEST IMPOSSIBLE.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph".]

THE GREEK ELECTIONS.

MAJORITY FOR M. GOUNARIS.

December 20, 3:55 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that it is officially announced that the results of the elections give M. Gounaris a majority.
The supporters of M. Venezelos abstained from voting.

TRADE WITH NEUTRALS.

BRITAIN'S REPLY TO AMERICA.

December 20, 4:40 a.m.
According to a Washington message, Great Britain has sent a Memorandum to America denying a Press statement to the effect that British merchants are profiting by war restrictions at the expense of American trade.

The Memorandum shows that British trade with neutrals is infinitesimal compared with America's, while statistics prove that the latter has improved rather than been injured through the war.

REMOVED FROM DARDANELLES.

TROOPS TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER SPHERE.

December 20, 2:55 p.m.
The War Office announces that all the troops at Suvla Bay and Anzac, together with their guns and stores, have been successfully transferred, with insignificant casualties, to another sphere of operations.

ONE OF THE GREATEST FEATS OF THE WAR.

December 20, 4:10 p.m.
The transfer of the British troops from Suvla Bay and Anzac, under unexpectedly successful circumstances, has given great relief and is regarded as an eloquent testimony to the skillfulness of our military leaders under the perfect guardianship of the Navy.
The withdrawal of such large numbers (possibly in the region of 100,000) is evidently one of the greatest feats of the whole war.
It is presumed, as there is no mention of Seddul Bahr, that the Allies intend to remain in occupation of the southern zone of the peninsula as a sort of Gibraltar.

AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE SUNK.

(Home Telegram.) December 19.
La Haye, an Austrian submarine, struck a mine at Cattaro and sank with all hands.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

GERMANY'S FINANCIAL TANGLE.

SOME HARD FACTS.

December 20, 3:15 p.m.
Reviewing the recent speech of Herr Halberich in the Reichstag, the *Vorwärts* urges the Government to declare how the money for the payment of the interest and redemption of Germany's war debts can be raised.

The journal says the German war debt is now two thousand millions sterling, the interest on which will be a hundred millions yearly, while redemption will necessitate another twenty-five millions. In order to meet these and the current expenditure, the income of the Empire must be more than doubled.

The *Vorwärts* concludes by stating that the interests of consumers and industries will demand an abolition of import taxes after the war, which will considerably reduce the income of Germany.

SERBIAN REFUGEES.

ITALIAN VILLAGERS' SYMPATHY.

December 20, 3:15 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Rome quotes the *Tribuna* as saying that the Serbian refugees who have arrived in villages in Central Italy are being most sympathetically received. The number is many more than was expected.

INVASION OF GREECE.

GREEK OFFICERS' ATTITUDE TOWARDS BULGARIANS.

December 20, 3:20 p.m.
According to Reuter's Paris correspondent, a Salonica message indicates a curious moral development on the part of Greek Army officers who have hitherto been Loyalists but who now declare that if the Bulgarians cross the frontier they will join the French and fight them.

It is stated that the first troops to enter Greece will be Turkish.

GERMANY STOPS MOVEMENT.

December 20, 3:20 p.m.
According to a message from Athens, a telegram from Germany, in reply to the Greek protest on the subject of the Bulgarians and the military necessities which Germany alleges compel her to pursue the Allies, declares that Germany has ordered an immediate stoppage of the Bulgarians, Austrians and Germans who are at present concentrating for an invasion of Greece.

The force numbers 120,000, with plenty of artillery, and it is believed that the concentration will be completed by Thursday.

THE RUSSIANS.

ATTACK ON BULGARIA ABANDONED.

December 20, 4:35 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Zurich, a telegram from Bucharest says the Russians have apparently abandoned, for the present, their plans for an attack on Bulgaria. The movements of their troops indicate that they intend to renew their attacks at Bukowina.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

BIG ENEMY OFFENSIVE REGARDED AS IMPOSSIBLE.

December 20, 5:30 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent in Petrograd, Colonel Shumsky, the Russian military expert, affirms that any considerable German offensive in the West is impossible, as the Germans are unable to detach sufficient troops from the Eastern front.

THE ROTTERDAMSCHE LLOYD.

LORD ROBERT CECIL'S STATEMENT.

December 20, 5:30 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil said that certain vessels of the Rotterdamsche Lloyd were proceeding towards the Cape (the remainder going towards Suez) owing to the alleged uncertainty regarding the quantity of banking coal at Port Said.

CANADA'S WAR FINANCE.

A QUESTION OF FIFTY MILLIONS STERLING.

December 20, 5:30 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa says that the Parliament has been summoned for January 12. The Speech from the Throne will foreshadow measures for lengthening the term of Parliament, and a war appropriation of fifty millions sterling in new taxes.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE UMETA.

HOW A B.L. BOAT WAS SUNK.

December 20, 2:25 p.m.
Three officers of the B.L. steamer *Umeta* (which was reported sunk on the 7th inst., five officers and 47 lascars being missing) reached Plymouth on Sunday after being four days in a life boat, being accompanied by 26 lascars.

They state that the *Umeta* was attacked by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on the 1st instant. The first sign of the presence of the enemy was a quick succession of shots. The fourth shot entered the hold and the vessel began to fill. The crew embarked in four lifeboats while the submarine continued to fire at the ship. When the steamer was abandoned, the submarine officers called the boats alongside and enquired the name of the owners and the destination of the ship. They also demanded the ship's papers, but were told that they had been left on the *Umeta*. The commander of the submarine was apparently satisfied and ordered the lifeboats to proceed, after which he continued the work of destroying the steamer.

The *Umeta*'s boats headed for Malta, a hundred miles distant, but were separated by a storm. Finding they could not reach Malta, the mate's boat steered for Tripoli and after four days they were picked up by a Swedish steamer and taken to Port Said.

In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

BRITISH REPORT CONFIRMED.

December 20, 1:10 a.m.
A Paris communiqué confirms the British report regarding the fighting in Belgium. The French artillery has likewise been active in Artois between the Somme and the Oise, and in Champagne, destroying enemy trenches and scattering working parties.

ARTILLERY DUEL IN THE DARDANELLES.

December 20, 1:10 a.m.
A Paris communiqué states that there has been a lively artillery duel at the Dardanelles.

RUSSIANS PUNISH THE ENEMY IN PERSIA.

December 20, 1:10 a.m.
A Petrograd communiqué reports that an enemy detachment has been severely punished at Lake Mardziol. Big enemy forces have also been repelled at Kushkuk, between Teheran and Hamadan.

GERMANY'S LOVELIEST LIE OF ALL.

December 20, 6:25 a.m.
The German Admiralty makes the following announcement: "Our fleet last week searched the North Sea for the enemy; then cruised in the Skagerrak watching shipping examining fifty-two vessels. We seized one vessel with contraband. During the whole time the British naval forces were nowhere visible." This preposterous statement is obviously intended for German consumption in order to offset the German losses in the Baltic.

SATISFACTORY RECRUITING NEWS.

December 20, 6:35 a.m.
The calling up of recruits is generally welcomed in all quarters. There is no indication of the numbers available at present, but it is pointed out that, while Britain is now calling up her four youngest classes, Austria is already calling up men of forty-six years of age. The admirable spirit in which the first recruits are responding to the call augurs well for the response of future levies.

TELEGRAMS.

BIG SCOTTISH FIRES.

Great Damage Done.

Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph".
London, December 21.
A bonded warehouse at Leith, the contents of which were chiefly tea, coffee, tobacco and whisky, has been destroyed by fire. The damage amounted to £130,000. Simultaneously, a whisky store at Glasgow was gutted, the damage amounting to £150,000. A neighbouring canal was converted into a river of flame.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

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The British Ambassador at Shanghai says disreputable foreign firms and individuals and disreputable Chinese are vying in illicit arms traffic.

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Statistics are quoted in a British Memorandum to America to prove that American trade with neutrals has improved rather than been injured through the war.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9:15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9:15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Friday, December 24.
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Monday, December 27.
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GENERAL NEWS.

Left by the Minister. Mr. Mauan, ex Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, recently appointed Ambassador to France to succeed Baron Iahn, the new Foreign Minister, was to leave Kobe for his new post yesterday by the N. Y. K. steamer *Mishima Maru*.

Well-known American's Death at Shanghai.

Mr. James Nelson Jamison, one of the oldest and most esteemed and respected American residents of China, died at Shanghai last week. Mr. Jamison was born in Virginia, U.S.A., some twenty years ago. He came to China in the days of the pioneer American firm of Oliphant and Company, which will be remembered by the older residents of the community, and was associated with that firm for some years at Canton.

The New Planet. The new planet discovered by the Barcelona Observatory turns out to be an old one which had been mislaid for some time. M. Bigourian, who originally announced the discovery at the Academy of Sciences, informed the members at the last meeting that calculations made by MM. Fabry and Blondel, of the Marseilles Observatory, show that it is really the planet known as "183 Am-brois," which had been lost sight of for thirty-six years.

The Sorsogon Typhoon. In a report dated December 10, to the executive secretary of the Philippines, the provincial governor of Sorsogon states that the last typhoon passed over Sorsogon on the night of the sixth, causing considerable damage to houses, small boats and crops. He reports 18 casualties in the municipalities of Bacon and Sorsogon, but does not state their nature. He also states that reports have not been received from the other municipalities of the province as telegraphic communication is interrupted.

Trading with Enemy. Colombo, November 21.—The following Royal Proclamation with regard to trading with the enemy was issued on Thursday:—"For the purposes of proclamation for the time being in force relating to trading with the enemy, the expression 'enemy' notwithstanding anything in the said proclamations, is hereby declared to include and to have included any incorporated company or body of persons (wherever incorporated), carrying on business in the enemy country or in any territory for the time being in hostile occupation."

Jews in the Forces. The Jewish World states that the number of Jews in the British Empire is 412,000, and of these it is estimated that at least 200,000 are not available for service, having been born outside the Empire, mainly in Russia and Poland. As the Jewish chaplain's return shows the number of Jews serving as upwards of 17,000, the percentage of Jews serving forms as much as 8 per cent. of the available total Jewish population of the Empire. Since the beginning of the war Jews have received three V. C.'s, ten D. C. M.'s, three D. S. O.'s and three Military Crosses. The casualty lists show some 300 Jews killed and over 700 wounded.

Chinese Railway. The long proposed construction of the line connecting Tsoenan in Fengtien and Urga in Outer Mongolia has been delayed on account of the Government. Lately the Central Government received a telegram from Mr. Chen, the Resident Commissioner of Urga, stating that the construction of the above mentioned line has received much attention from the Living Buddha and the latter has suggested to Mr. Chen that if the Chinese Government determines to build the line, the Urga Government will be quite willing to supply half of the funds, thus making the line a joint undertaking. The total cost of the line is said to have been estimated at \$80,000,000.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Hindu University.

Allahabad, November 20.—The Collector of Benares is acquiring under the Land Acquisition Act 1164 acres of land in the Benares district for buildings in connection with the Benares Hindu University and the usual notifications have been issued.

Col. Robertson I.M.S.
Lieut.-Colonel Robertson, I.M.S., Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, whose period of leave expires this month, will then be placed on duty at Home in connection with Army sanitation. Major Clunesha continues to act for him in India.

Resigned.

Mr. Wang Feng-yin, the well-known opponent of a Monarchical restoration, has resigned his office as a member of the Commission for the Punishment of High Officials and as a member of the Tsoocheng-yuan. He will leave for the south in a few days, says a Peking paper.

Hoo-kwoon in Honduras. St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 17.—Hoo-kwoon is a very common and widespread disease in British Honduras, and probably is the chief cause for the gradual extermination of the Indians in that country, says a report published to-day by the medical expedition which the University of St. Louis recently sent to British Honduras.

Indian Commercial Congress. The 1st Session of the Indian Commercial Congress will be held in the Town Hall, Bombay, on the 26th and 27th December. The Session will commence on the first day at 11.30 (S. T.), and will be probably held in the morning on the second day. The Hon'ble Mr. Lalabhai Samaldas, C. I. E., is appointed Vice-Chairman of the Reception Committee.

Japanese Contracts with Russia. Tokio papers state that five leading woollen companies in Tokio and Osaka have just effected contracts with Russia for the supply of a large quantity of woollen material for uniforms, the value being ten million yen.

The whole lot is to be delivered in October next. The price is said to be twenty per cent higher than that of the previous contract.

Passport Regulations for Bombay.

The Bombay Government in the Political Department have issued the following press note:

It is notified for general information that revised regulations have been received from the Government of India for the preparation of applications for, and the issue of passports. The attention of persons desirous of travelling from Bombay is invited to these regulations and they are advised that application should be made at least seven days before the date of sailing on forms which will be given to applicants on demand at the agency office for passports in the Political Department of the Secretariat. The application forms, hitherto in use, contain insufficient details for the preparation of passports under the new regulations, and applicants are particularly requested to provide themselves with the new forms of application.

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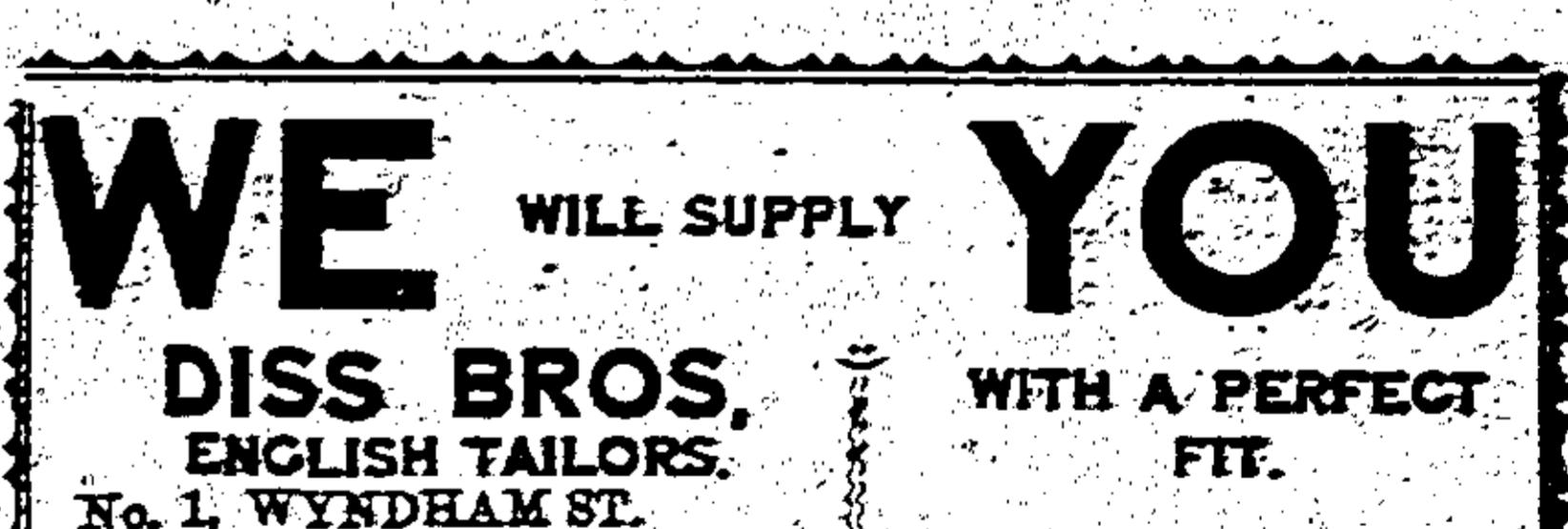
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"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

BIRTH.

GLAISTER.—At 17 the Peak, on December 21st, to Dr. and Mrs. Glaister, a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1915.

THE WAY NOT TO MAKE PEACE.

It is not altogether unprofitable, perhaps, to turn one's mind aside for a few moments from the harsh realities of the war to the vagaries of the people who have put to sea in what has come to be known as "Ford's Ark." It is thinkable that, by this time, the proprietor of the said Ark may have doubts not only as to the success of his mission but as to the wisdom of the whole undertaking. Americans of Mr. Ford's type are famed for their enthusiasm; they even took down with a contempt, that is sometimes kindly and sometimes the reverse, as us Britshers for lacking that admirable quality. In the first flush of his eagerness to combine business with sentiment by procuring an infallible advertisement for the goods which the world has come to associate with his name and at the same time to advance arguments that (to his way of thinking) should result in bringing about that peace which everyone longs for. Mr. Ford chartered his ship, gathered his disciples together and set out—without, apparently, counting the cost.

Fortunately for himself he is one of those whose skin the world's ridicule cannot pierce. Had Heaven blessed him with a sense of the ridiculous he would have realized, in the first place, that he was making himself a laughing-stock, and, in the second, that his programme, however excellent in its intentions, was fore-damned. There is no war-settling argument in the world that could be advanced to which the real peace-seekers have not already given proper weight. The Allies have their peace terms and everyone knows what they are. Germany, too, has hers—though she has been less frank concerning them than have her enemies. Germany wants the war to end without her having to meet the inconceivably heavy indemnity upon which, within herself, she knows that the Allies will insist. In other words, she wants to get out of the mess at as small a cost as possible. Since the Allies' terms are absolute, and demand unreserved surrender on Germany's part, we do not quite see how any suggestions that Mr. Ford and his friends may have to offer are likely to affect matters; nor have we sufficient force of imagination to be able to picture the Kaiser's doing at the request of the tenants of the Ark what the stricken condition of his own country and people has failed to persuade him to do. Then what is the use of it all—barring, of course, the advertisement?

Latest wires represent the Ark itself as not altogether the abode of peace and unanimity—a state of things which hardly surprises us. Mr. Ford's reception at Kirkwall was "most gracious," but he was not allowed to land! In other words he found the British civil but firm. He seems to have been good enough to tell the Norwegians that the basis of peace must consist in returning pre-war conditions; though where Mr. Ford's "most" comes in we are unable to say. From all we can see, if this gigantic impertinence does not get some check on itself, the belligerent countries will not be the only ones that will object to allowing our friend to land. All countries whether belligerent or not, are too busy nowadays to have time to spare for idle busybodies, and the assumption is that the reason for Mr. Ford's having become a second Noah is that even his own

Gambling in Canton.

Every now and again we hear a deal about the supposed prohibition of gambling in Canton, and it will be seen that our correspondent there has something to say on the matter to day. The position seems to be that the ordinary gambling dens are shut down but, this notwithstanding, the vice flourishes as much as ever it did and is undoubtedly condoned by the officials. The latter, however, are evidently doing a little "rave face" pugn; hence they give it away that anyone heard even daring to suggest that "fan-tan" is again to be legalised is to be arrested. Yet it is freely reported that the gambling houses are to be re-opened, and we read of one report which very definitely states so much, adding that the "black money" and "official gifts" will henceforth go into the Treasury instead of into the pockets of certain officials. What is more, it is stated that the old name of "fan-tan" is to be abolished, and another name "vi-kuei," meaning "justice contribution," is to be used instead.

Mere Pose.

How far these statements are reliable we do not know, but we are quite prepared to believe they have a very considerable foundation in fact. The blunt truth is that gambling has become such an inherent vice with the Chinese that no law will be effectual in suppressing it, even if it were desired to do so. And, on that latter point, it is absurd to look to the officials for an example in the matter. They certainly have no wish that the habit should be killed, and, whatever laws they may pass concerning the common people, we may depend upon it that they will have their own little "flatter" just the same. The whole thing is a piece of sheer pose and hypocrisy from beginning to end.

Seeking the Obvious.

There is a further item in our Canton news which is worth nothing. We refer to the order from the Central Government that an investigation is to be made as to the manner by which official have been appointed to offices. There surely is no need to seek information on this point, especially since the terms of the order make it clear that the fact is well-known by the President that appointments are secured by the simple process of buying them. President Yuan, we are told, attributes the present weakness of China to this cause, and he says he is determined to abolish the practice. All this sounds so very familiar—we have heard it all before a score of times. But does it not strike President Yuan that talk of this sort is nothing short of a frank admission that modern China is no whit better than an ancient China? We have had some years of so-called Republicanism now, and we all look back with some degree of amusement to the long list of reforms with which the change in the form of government was announced. The bulk of these reforms, of course, were never for one moment seriously intended, and certainly they have been dead letters ever since. It will be the same now—monarchy or no monarchy. So we may be pardoned for smiling again, knowing that things will run along in just the same old way in spite of all the mandates which may issue forth from official quarters in the capital.

Constituting a Nuisance.

Several Chinese hawkers were fined amounts ranging from \$2 to \$5 each for selling their wares on the footpath. An Inspector stated that the obstructions were becoming a great nuisance.

Prince of Wales' Fund.

Attention is drawn to an advertisement elsewhere regarding the closing of the Prince of Wales' Fund in Hongkong. We are requested to state, in connection therewith, that monthly subscription lists will not be sent out at the end of this month, but the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. J. Stabb, will be glad to receive any sums up to December 31.

DAY BY DAY.

ALAS FOR THE RARITY OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY UNDER THE SUN—HOOD.

The Weather. At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 48; fine. Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 56; fine.

The Mails. English Mail—Due to-morrow per a.s. Novara. Australian Mail—Due to-morrow per a.s. Empire. Australian Mail—Closed to-day per a.s. St. Albans at 10 a.m. Siberian Mail—Closes to-morrow per a.s. Novara.

The Dollar. The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1/10 15/16.

To-morrow's Anniversary. To-morrow is the 15th anniversary of the defeat of the Boxers at Pei-chau, by General Bullard.

Returned. Dr. J. W. Noble returned to the Colony by the a.s. Shinyo Maru this morning.

Back Again. Mr. J. K. Chatham arrived back in the Colony by the a.s. Shinyo Maru to-day.

Overseas Club. Mr. Murray Stewart has consented to represent Hongkong on the Central Committee of the Overseas Club.

The Post Office. Attention is directed to the Post Office notice on page 10 concerning the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Supreme Court. There is no business coming up before the chief Justice until December 28, when the Court will sit in Criminal Sessions.

A False Cloth Rule. A Chinese cloth dealer was fined \$5, before Mr. Wood, at the Magistracy this morning, for being in possession of a false cloth rule.

Silk Delivery. The Yokohama office of the T.E.K. is in receipt of a wireless communication to the effect that the silk despatched hence per a.s. Chivo Maru on November 9 was delivered in New York on the 11th inst.

Alice Memorial Hospital. The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospital:—Druggists' Guild, \$100; Pork Guild, Central Market, \$100.

Chinese Ingenuity.

Before Mr. Hazland, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with unlawfully possessing 11 tails of opium, which he had covered over with shrimp paste, at Kowloon Railway Station. A fine of \$560, or two months' hard labour, was imposed. Fishmongers' Utmost Scales.

A Chinese fish dealer at the Central Market was to-day fined \$20 for having in his possession a pair of scales which were inaccurate to the extent of 4 per cent. It was stated that there was a good scale on the stall. A similar fine was imposed upon another fishmonger whose scales were false to the extent of 3 per cent.

To Dynamite Fish.

An old Chinese woman was charged before Mr. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with being in possession of 18 sticks of dynamite. Defendant said she had secured the explosive from a small sampan and was going to use it to blow fish out of the water. A fine of \$50, or a month's imprisonment, was imposed.

An Amah Discharged.

At the Magistracy this morning, before Mr. Hazland, an amah, who was alleged to have taken advantage of the fire at Wan-chai early yesterday morning to steal clothing from her master, Mr. J. L. Marquis, a clerk in the Great Northern Telegraph Co., living four doors away from where the fire took place, was discharged.

The Late Mr. A. J. R. King.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley last evening of the late Mr. A. J. R. King, whose death was reported yesterday. The Rev. H. C. Coplay Moyle officiated, and the deceased's remains were followed to the graveside by a number of his former colleagues, who also sent wreaths as an expression of their sympathy at his death.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

GERMAN NAVAL ACTIVITIES.

The Dardanelles.

A Paris communiqué, transmitted via London at 11.10 a.m. yesterday, speaks of a lively artillery duel at the Dardanelles.

At 2.35 p.m. on the same day

Reuter wires—also from London—War Office announcement to the effect that all the troops at Suvla Bay and Anzac, with their guns and stores, have been successfully transferred, with insignificant casualties, "to another sphere of operations." At this rate, the removal must have been conducted with despatch indeed. But why the mysterious language of this later wire? The ways of the censorors are indeed past finding out. It does not hesitate to tell the enemy that one field has been abandoned, but it solemnly refuses to say what other field has been strengthened. To our poor way of thinking it would have been more sensible to reverse the process. Months have gone by since the wisdom of the Dardanelles undertaking was first questioned and discussed—and still we have no definite announcement on the subject from the Home Government. If the thing was a mistake, why not say so and have done with it?

Returned.

Rebel Leader Shot.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1915

TELEGRAM

OBITUARY.

Sir Henry Roscoe.

(Reader's Service To The "Telegraph")

London Received Dec. 21.
The death is announced of the Right Hon. Sir Henry Enfield Roscoe, Emeritus Professor, Owens College, Victoria University, since 1887, and Vice-Chancellor of the University of London from 1896 to 1912.

PANAMA CANAL.

INTIMATION TO SHIPPERS.

London Received Dec. 21.
The Panama Canal channel has been opened sufficiently to warrant waiting vessels preparing to pass through. A permanent opening cannot yet be guaranteed and it is inadvisable for shipping to arrange to proceed via the Canal until further advice.

COURT MARTIAL.

The Court Martial referred to in the Volunteer Reserve Orders of yesterday was held at the Volunteer Headquarters this morning, and the verdict of the Court will doubtless be promulgated in Corps Orders in due course. We refrain from publishing an account of the proceedings because, as we stated in our issue of September 23 last, in mentioning a similar case, we think it in such matters, silence is the best course which the Press can observe.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:—

Musketry Course, Part 14.—All Inspectors and Sergeants are warned that they will be required to sit Part 11 on Sunday, January 9th, 1916.

As very considerable inconvenience is caused by failure to attend for Musketry as and when warned, absences in Part 11 will be treated as defaulters.

Equipment for Patrolmen.—The attention of Central District Patrolmen is called to the orders of Dec. 17th/18th concerning the Equipment Book in the Side Room.

Parades, 5.30 p.m.—Thursday, Dec. 23rd—Recruits of 3rd and 4th Platoons, No 1 Company, and of No 3 Company joined.

No. 1 Company—No. 2 Platoon T. B. Tennent, No. 4 Platoon Abdullah, J. D. Noria, A. C. Markar, S. Imai, S. G. Kadir. No. 2 Company—H. A. Hyndman.

Promotions.—The Hon. C. S. P. has sanctioned the following promotions:—Crown-Sergeant Wong Kwong-tin to be Inspector; Sergeant Eustace to be Crown-Sergeant; P. C. Wilks to be Sergeant.

Up to the Minute:
No change.

An Absconding Fok.—A report has been made to the police by a money-changer named Cheung Shun, of 31, Queen's Road, Central, that a fok has absconded with \$250 in notes.

RED CROSS GIFT.

Lord Lansdowne's Thanks to Hongkong.

The following is a copy of a letter addressed by Sir Robert Hudson, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, to His Excellency the Governor on the subject of the contribution of \$1,500 sent from Hongkong to the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

London, S.W., 17th Nov., 1915.

Sir, I beg, on behalf of Lord Lansdowne and the Finance Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John, to express our warm thanks to you for your cabled message of the 16th received through the Colonial Office and for the draft for £1,200, which has been forwarded to us at the same time from the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. We have sent to that bank the formal acknowledgement which they require and I now have the honour to forward to you our official receipt for the contribution which the people of Hongkong make to our joint fund.

I am desirous by Lord Lansdowne to express the hope that you will be so kind as to communicate an expression of our gratitude to all who have been concerned in making this generous contribution, and at the same time I have to ask that you will accept for yourself our best thanks for the very kind interest which you have displayed in connection with our appeal, and for the trouble which you have taken to insure its success—I have, etc.

Sd/ R. B. A. HUDSON,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.
His Excellency
Sir Francis H. May, K.C.M.G.,
Governor of Hongkong.

TO CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.

The old, time honoured festive season is with us once again and Britons who, almost more than other people, celebrate Christmas right heartily, will see that in the Colony of Hongkong we do not fall behind in the matter of fellowship and good cheer. With feelings of profound gratitude we remember that, thanks to the efficiency of our Navy, not only are the necessities of life available in adequate quantities but also the many other good things which add to the comforts and joys of life. In no way is this fact more readily noticed than in the provision which has been made for the Christmas shopper at Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co.'s stores, where toys and games for the younger generation are obtainable in large variety. By indenting as far back as February last, Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co.'s London buyers were able to secure large purchases of toys representing the ability of British manufacturers to cater largely for this business. Christmas stockings and a variety of small toys suitable for Christmas trees and parties are also available. In addition to toys, and such essentially Christmas bazaar goods, a pleasing variety of useful gifts may be found suitable for ladies, gentlemen and children, while the home can be supplied with acceptable and useful presents from their furnishing and drapery department. Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co. hold a unique position as cash traders, and shopkeepers at this popular store will have the satisfaction of getting full value for their money.

Withdrawn.—The case in which P. C. Moore (Reserve) charged Ho Kan, master of the steam launch Wai Hing, and Cheung Tsim, master of the steam launch Ho Nam, at the Marine Court, with unlawfully carrying an excess of passengers on board their launches, and which was adjourned on the 15th inst., until yesterday, has been withdrawn.

CHINA AND MONARCHY.

Dr. Goodnow's Views.

Dr. Frank J. Goodnow, president of John Hopkins University, and until a year ago the constitutional adviser to the Chinese Republic, addressed members of the Philadelphia University on political and economic conditions in China on November 13. He returned from his official post a year and a half ago and spent seven weeks in China last summer. As constitutional adviser he took a leading part in the drafting of the republican constitution.

In a subsequent interview printed in the *Philadelphia Public Ledger*, Doctor Goodnow said he was surprised that the change to a monarchy had not previously been effected.

"The change should not be made," he added, "until the Chinese people as a whole are in favour of it, and the world Powers, with their great interests in China, endorse it. However, there is no opposition among the Chinese."

The republican form of government was a failure, Doctor Goodnow said, because of the difficulty in choosing successors to the president. Under prevailing conditions, he explained, it was necessary that the relationship should be hereditary and, with a limited monarchy, the representative feature of the Republic would be preserved. The Manchu dynasty, he said, would never be considered in the selection of the first monarch.

China had not made one progressive step in 2,000 years, and lacked the aggressiveness of the Occidental nations, said Doctor Goodnow, in his address, because of its peculiar economic, philosophical and educational conditions. In making allegiance to the family superior to allegiance to the Government, as required by the teaching of Confucius, progress was retarded.

"As a result, China is the finest example of scientific anarchy in the world," he continued. "It has no real Government, the people being governed by their moral law, which Confucianism requires them to obey. Through their aversion to social co-operation the Chinese have made no political progress. Their civil wars were never against a governmental condition, but against an individual."

"Because of the Chinese philosophy that 'man is by nature good,' their theory of government is to put good men in office, with none of our systems of checks and balances. The result is a purely personal government. The real ruler is the head of the family, who has the power of life and death over its members. The strict obedience to the moral law renders unnecessary a police system."

"China can never advance until it recognises a broader social organisation than that of the family. And it will be difficult for the Chinese to readjust themselves to new conditions in a reasonable time, unless they can rely on the aid and advice of the Western nations."

The vast supplies of coal, iron and other minerals were attracting other nations to China. Japan, because of her need for coal for her growing industries, was particularly anxious to take advantage of the fields close to home.

Withdrawn.

The case in which P. C. Moore (Reserve) charged Ho Kan, master of the steam launch Wai Hing, and Cheung Tsim, master of the steam launch Ho Nam, at the Marine Court, with unlawfully carrying an excess of passengers on board their launches, and which was adjourned on the 15th inst., until yesterday, has been withdrawn.

ALLEGED ENEMY TRADING.

The Case Against Messrs. Thoresen and Co.

The hearing was resumed, before Mr. Hazelton at the Police Court this afternoon, of the enemy trading case in which the defendants are Messrs. Thoresen and Co.

A clerk in the office of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha stated that he was in the shipping department of the firm. He remembered that the goods mentioned in exhibit 3 B were shipped to Amoy, and they were consigned to order. He was aware that the goods were put on board the ship, but he did not know what happened to them subsequently.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkins, witness said he knew the consignees were the Fokien Drug Co.

You do not suggest that the consignees were the Fokien Drug Company?—No; I do not. They were consigned to order.

Yes, that is all right. I don't want you to fall out of the witness box with excitement.

The goods were never touched by Pasedag and Co. at all?—I have no idea.

You knew that your agent in Amoy had written all about the matter to your manager in Hongkong?—Yes, and from that letter you know that the goods were delivered to the Fokien Drug Company against a letter of guarantee and a deposit of \$200?—Yes.

I thought so. You do know something about it after all. I put it to you that Pasedag and Co. did not touch the goods?—They came to the place.

They may have done. They may have gone to see if you were there or a number of other things, but did they touch the goods?—They did not.

You have given evidence before, have you not?—No, never. I congratulate you.

In answer to another question, witness said he thought that, before reading the Government document on the question, the transhipment of goods to enemy firms in China was allowed.

Witness said he had been engaged on transhipments three or four times a week, but he did not remember having to tranship to enemy firms in China.

Mr. Jenkins said his defence was that, first of all, in law the transhipment of cargo to enemy firms in China was dealt with in a Proclamation dated October 6, 1914, and the word "the" was relied on to "transhipment." In order to constitute this offence it was clear from the Proclamation that the goods must be supplied by transhipment by the defendants to an enemy firm. His second point was that the transhipment of goods to enemy firms in China was not prohibited until Notification 480.

Mr. Orme—My friend is begging the question now.

Mr. Jenkins—Yes; I do that every day in order to earn my daily bread.

Mr. Jenkins, continuing, said that if the Proclamation was intended to prohibit transhipment, its failure to clearly say so was acknowledged by the Governor in Notification 480, and therefore, if the Government

recognised the obscenity of the Proclamation much more as might a Norwegian firm be minded by the same obscenity. Lastly, a Crown witness, a shipping man, had shown them that transhipment was not forbidden until Notification 480.

The case was again adjourned.

BIG FIRE.

Several Houses Badly Damaged.

A disastrous fire occurred this morning at Tai Ping Shan street, as a result of which several houses have been gutted.

The Fire Brigade received the call soon after 10 o'clock and, proceeding to the spot, found that fire had broken out at 28, Tai Ping Shan Street, which is a "Joss-house" and in which there had been a gathering of natives. The flames had obtained a good hold on the building and it was evident that it would be destroyed.

Consequence of which the firemen essayed to restrain the fire to the one house. Despite the fact that there were three fire engines, and one fire float at work, the fire was so fierce that it quickly spread to the adjoining houses, and the three houses in the block soon became involved. The flames reached right across the street, with the result that the houses opposite, at least the top floors of them, were also brought into the conflagration. A narrow passage divides three houses from the other property on that side of the street, but the flames spread across this, and the two upper stories of the first house were destroyed.

The contents of the ground floor, which is occupied by a general store dealer, were damaged beyond salvage. In two of the houses, several families were residing, but it is satisfactory to report that there were no personal injuries. Altogether three houses, Nos. 25, 28, and 30, were gutted, whilst No. 24 was very seriously damaged. Four houses across the road were also partially destroyed. The damage done will run into a very considerable amount.

This is by far the most serious fire that has occurred in this district for a long time, and, considering the position of things when the Fire Brigade arrived, they are to be complimented on the fact that the outbreak was confined to its ultimate limits.

During the morning the scene of the occurrence was visited by the Hon. Captain Supt. of Police (Mr. C. M. L. Messer), Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse (D. S. P.), Chief Inspector Kerr, and Supt. Lane.

As the time of going to press, the fire was still burning, but there was no danger of a fresh outbreak, the fire having been got under by about half past eleven.

VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Major Wakeman, commanding H.K.V.R. state:—

Musketry.

The following members of "A," "B" and "C" Companies are required to attend at King's Park Range on Wednesday the 22nd inst. at 2.15 p.m. to fire Part II Standard Test (Trained Men) Musketry Course Drill order.

Pte. C. B. Bayes, R. Gray, S. R. Jones, G. A. Hastings, A. Calvert, J. Simpson, D. E. Donnelly, Cpl. West, Pte. A. Smith, J. Grant, Cpl. A. Edwards, Pte. W. Gast, D. Jaffa, Lcpl. W. H. Ford, Pte. E. Howard, P. H. Holyoak, Lcpl. B. Stewart, Pte. S. Lack, H. Humphreys, E. Piesse, H. Masterman, Sgt. L. O. Rose, Pte. W. Robertson, L. R. Headlam, E. A. Williams, E. Brown, S. Baker, Lcpl. E. V. Carmichael, Pte. J. McCubbin, A. R. Cavalier, Lcpl. P. T. Lambie, Pte. J. Kemp, Claxton, H. Coombes, T. H. Martin, W. Dickson, D. V. Stevenson, Sgt. Keith, Pte. E. A. Irving, Pte. F. H. Waynay, Sgt. Frowse, Pte. Keirwan, W. W. Pearce, Sgt. Thomas, Pte. Howell, N. G. Nolas, Cpl. Bannerman, Pte. E. R. Hallifax, A. Gray, P. Oliver, N. Marshall.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The C. P. R. m/s. *MOBYTACLE* left Yokohama on Wednesday, the 22nd Dec.

and is due to arrive Vancouver on Saturday the 1st January.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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The following is the Subscription List to date:—

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Per P. and O. steamer Maldavia. From London November 27.—To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. Spreckley, Miss Clark, Miss Curtiss, Mr. and Mrs. Berry, Miss Martin, Mr. N. C. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. B. A., Mrs. Devonshire, Mearns, To Hongkong: Rev. S. N. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Aires and 4 children, Mr. W. Barbour, Mr. Lachlan child and amah.

Per P. and O. steamer Karmala. From London December 11.—To Shanghai: Miss G. Whittall, Mr. and Mrs. Radford.

Per N.Y.K. ss. Atalanta. Mardi. From London November 20.—To Shanghai: Mr. S. M. Gubay, Miss A. Fairley, Miss Liddell and To Hongkong: Mr. G. Worby, Mr. and Mrs. Findley Smith, Mr. H. E. Spencer-Payne, Mr. Jas. Spiers, Mr. O. Hughes, Mr. H. Subier.

Per N.Y.K. steamer Yaska Maru. From London December 4.—To Shanghai: Miss N. Durbeck, Mrs. F. Wells-Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Seth and infant, Mr. R. Macfarlane, Miss C. Featherstone, Miss Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Aly and infant. To Hongkong: Mr. L. Lee, Mrs. V. J. Tartarin and 5 children, Miss V. Tartarin, Miss H. Tartarin, Mr. and Miss L. Lacroix, Mrs. Bishop.

NOTICES

G. R.

Any European, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in writing for permission to do so to the Captain Superintendent of Police, at least 48 hours before the intended hour of departure, giving name, nationality, age, sex, height and occupation of the applicant, and stating the name of the steamer or other vessel or the hour of the train by which the applicant wishes to leave. Applicants should apply in person for their passes at the Central Police Station between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Hongkong 9th, July, 1915.

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TIME TABLE

WEEK DAYS

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Philippine Cigar Trade with America.

Showing an increase of nearly eight million in the number of Philippine cigars shipped to the United States during the past eleven months as compared with the same period in 1914, a comparative statement on the cigar trade with the States has been issued by the Collector of Internal Revenue. The heaviest increase for the year was shown in the month of February, in which cigars exported were more than five million more than in February, 1914. In April, May, June and October, the 1914 shipments exceeded those for the same months this year. Last month's shipments were nearly three million more than in November, 1914.

Prices of Commodities in Osaka.

During November, out of fifty staple commodities, 32 rose in price, 8 fell and 10 remained stationary, as compared with the previous month. The average ratio stood at 158. This is an advance of 9, as compared with the previous month. An average ratio of 158 is a record in Osaka. Prices of commodities almost always drop or remain unchanged in November. The unprecedented advance noted this year is doubtless due to the war, and to greater activity in business circles. The higher cost of iron is due to restricted sales in the United States. Copper is higher in response to the London market. Lead has advanced because of the suspension of sales in Australia and the United States. Antimony is higher because of the heavy demand for war materials. Earthen-ware has gone up because of the brisk demand for exports. Japanese and foreign papers are higher owing to the greater cost of raw material; and rayonized oil, raw silk and other silk textiles are higher because of the war. The advance in the prices of rice and other cereals is due to a reaction from the full conditions which have lately obtained, while the higher cost of sake, eggs, matting and dried bonito is due to the Coronation.

Siam Railway.

The new report on the traffic on the Southern Line brings home again the scantiness of the receipts that are as yet obtainable from the southern sections of the line. Of the total receipts Tba. 1,001,231 come from passengers, and Tba. 304,757 from goods and live-stock. Of these totals the Bangkok-Koh Lak section produces Tba. 844,341 and Tba. 250,467 respectively, so that there is not much for Singora-Trang-Nakon to make up. None the less the railway is going to be a big factor in the development of the Peninsula. In the goods traffic, apart from packages, which brought in Tba. 11,751, the most important item last year was paddy. In all 14,273 tons were carried, most of it coming from Petchaburi and intervening stations to Bangkok. The freight paid for paddy was Tba. 17,582. The other important articles from the revenue point of view were—Merchandise (Tba. 16,270), Timber (Tba. 11,877), Stone (Tba. 10,145), Rice (Tba. 9,444), Fruits (Tba. 5,650), Fish (Tba. 3,879), Household goods (Tba. 3,107), Shell Fish goods (Tba. 2,835), Motor Cars (Tba. 2,510), Ice (Tba. 2,062) and Dyeing Nuts (Tba. 2,062). These were the only things that brought in so much as Tba. 2,000. The state did not by any means all come to Bangkok, and timber is a particularly well distributed trade, even in the southern section. With regard to the articles mentioned it should be noted that the heading Packages may make a considerable difference to the actual traffic. Thus 1,295 tons of fish, 1,271 tons of fruits and 787 tons of ice were carried as packages. In such lists one comes across unexpected things such as that last year 150 tons of opium were carried on the Southern Line as compared with 40 the year before, while there are such unusual entries as 15 tons of statues of the Buddha and 30 tons of corals—Bengal Pines.

SHARE REPORT.
COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK.	To-day's Closing Prices	Number of Shares	Per Paid Value Up	1914.		1915.		Last Dividend and Date
				Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	
Banks.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Corp.	1000 a 173/10 b	120,000 \$25 all	855 July	700 Oct.	245 div. 790 a. div.	105/4 at 1/9 5/16 equal to \$24.21 for 1/2 year 30/6/15		
Marine Insurance.								
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	55 s	10,000 \$25 50	330 Dec.	305 Oct.	425	380	Final of \$4 a/c 1913. Interim of \$18 a/c 1914.	
North China Ins. Co. Ltd.	173/4 b	10,000 \$15 50	145 May	138 Jan.	175	180	Final of 1/3 p.c. making 25 p.c. for 1914.	
Union Ins. Society of China, Ltd.								
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	330	12,400 \$250 100	847 April	700 Oct.	3892	3850	Final of \$20 and bonus of \$5 making \$35 for 1913 and Interim of \$30 for 1914	
China Fire Ins. Co. Ltd.	150 s	20,000 \$100 60	210 April	192/4 Jan.	270	225	Final of \$15 mak. \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914	
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co. Ltd.	467 b	8,000 \$250 50	395 Feb.	368 April	420	386	\$2 for 1913	
Shipping.								
Douglas Steamship Co. Ltd.	334 s b	20,000 \$20 all	35 Mar.	27/4 Nov.	94	45	\$4 for year ending 30.6.15	
Hongkong C. & M. S. Co. Ltd.	20 b	80,000 \$15 all	22/4 Jan.	22 Dec.	26	19	Final of 40 cts. making 90 cts. for year ending 31.12.14.	
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.	162 s b	60,000 50	79 Jan.	50 Sept.	162	56	6 p.c. on p. & 45 p.c. and a. for year 1914. A quoted ex 9 p.c. div. in H.K. from 29.9.15 an interim div. of 6 p.c. on the combined a. paid in London 29.9.15 quoted ex div. in H.K. 1.10.15.	
Shell Transport & Trading Co. Ltd.	287 s b	3,797,610 \$1 al	106 Feb.	70/1 Sept.	90/1 x div. 22/1 x div.	Final of 5/- (Coupon No 24) making 7/- for 1914		
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	37	40,000 \$10 al	49 Mar.	48 Nov.	39	32	\$1.50 per share and bonus of 40 cents per share for year ending 30/4/15	
Refineries.								
China S. Refining Co. Ltd.	324 b	90,000 \$100 all	96 Feb.	70 Nov.	134	111	38 for 1912	
Liaon S. Refining Co. Ltd.	317 s	7,000 \$100 all	31 Jan.	17 Dec.	46	27/4	36 for 1907	
Mining.								
Kedah Mining Admin. Co.	30 s	1,000,000 \$1 all	41 Feb.	33/5 Dec.	36/6	30/4	Interim of 1/- account year ending 30.6.15 (Coupon No. 5.)	
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co. Ltd.	31 s	200,000 \$1 all	210 Jan.	190 Nov.	4	31/2	1/2 for 1909	
Tronoh Mine, Ltd.	37 s	150,000 \$1 all	39/2 Feb.	19/5 Nov.	32/6	25/1	1/- interim a/c 1915 paid 12.7.15	
Ural Caspian	35 s	796,000 \$1 all	54/6	21/3	42	37/6	1/- interim 1915	
Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.								
Hkong & K.W. & G. Co. Ltd.	77 b	60,000 \$50 all	89 Jan.	73 Nov.	813	63	\$3.50 for year 1914	
Hkong & W. P. O. D. Co. Ltd.	88 b	50,000 \$50 all	77 Jan.	53 Oct.	83	57	\$3 dividend for year 1914	
Shai Dock & Eng. Co. Ltd.	58 b	53,700 f. 100 all	60 July	50 Dec.	63/2	45 ex div.	Tba. 3 for year ending 30.4.15	
Shai & H'kew W. Co. Ltd.	98 b	36,000 f. 100 all	109 Jan.	82/4 Dec.	93/2	80	Tba. 5 for 1914	
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.								
Anglo French Lands	194 b	13,000 f. 100 f. 100	128 July	120 Dec.	116	94	Tba. 61/2 for year ending 29.2.14	
Hkong Hotel Co. Ltd.	318 b	20,000 \$50 50	128	128	116	112	\$250 for half year ending 30.6.15	
Hkong Land Investment Co. Ltd.	1034 s	50,000 \$100 all	117/4 July	98 Nov.	111 x div.	108	\$3 for year ending 30.5.15	
Hkong Estates & F. Co. Ltd.	68 s	150,000 \$10 all	91/4 Jan.	7 Nov.	74	610	45 cents for year 1914	
Kloon Land & Building Co. Ltd.	40 b	6,000 \$50 30	45/3 Jan.	44 Feb.	40	40	\$3 for 1914	
Shanghai Lands	1105 b	78,000 f. 150 all	98 Dec.	89 Oct.	106	101	Dividend of 6 p.c. for 1 year ending 30.6.15	
West Point Building Co. Ltd.	74 b	11,000 \$50 all	73 June	66 Feb.	103	100	\$2 for half year ending 30.6.15	
Hkong Central Estates	3100 b	10,000 \$100 all	—	—	—	—	\$409 for 7 months ending 31.12.14	
Cotton Mills.								
Two Cotton S. & W. Co. Ltd.	140 b	20,000 f. 50 all	138 July	125 Mar.	180	142	Tba. 16 for year ending 31.10.15	
Kung Yik	133/2 b	15,000 f. 10 all	142 Jan.	12 Mar.	17	13/4	Tba. 120 for year ending 30.11.14	
Lau Kung Mow	78 b	8,000 f. 100 all	110 Feb.	70 May	89 b	80	Tba. 12 for 1913	
Shanghai Cottons	137 b	40,000 f. 50 all	135 Feb.	70 Nov.	105	90	Dividend of Tba. 7/3 for year ending 30.6.15	
Yangtze Pools.								
China Fornco Ltd.	104 b	173,000 f. 5 all	—	—	62	62	62 cents for 1914	
China Light & Power Co. Ltd.	143 b	6,000 \$20 all	12 Mar.	10 Dec.	10	10	66 cents for 1914	
Do. (Spec. shares)	120 s	50,000 \$5 all	450 July	4 April	434	434	6% for year ending 28.2.06	
China Prov. L. & M. Co. Ltd.	980 s	125,000 \$18 all	9 Jan.	7 Nov.	10.10	8.00	70 cts. for 1914	
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	330 s	4,000 \$10 all	39 June	35 Aug.	34	31	\$1.25 for year ending 31.7.15	
Green Island Cement Co. Ltd.	344 b	400,000 \$10 all	6.90 Jan.	5 Dec.	11	6.70	50 cts. for 1914	
Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd.	114 b	60,900 \$70 all	49 Jan.	36 Nov.	45	39	\$2.00 per share for 1914	
Hongkong Ice Co. Ltd.	1190 n	6,500 \$25 all	21/3 July	174 Dec.	190	184	Interim of 2/- account 1915	
Hongkong Rose Mfg. Co. Ltd.	333 b	6,000 \$10 all	25 June	24 Apr.	42	25	Interim \$1 for year ending 30.6.15	
Hongkong Tramway Co. Ltd.	534 b	225,000 \$5 all	13/4 July	7 Feb.	5.50	4.80	10% for 1914.	
Langkawi	135/2 b	210,000 f. 10 all	64/2 Mar.	28 Dec.	42	36/4	Interim of Tba. 1 making Tba. 2	
Peak Tramway Co. Ltd. (Old)	80 b	25,000 \$10 all	10/2 Jan.	9/4 June	10	9	70 cts. on fully paid shares and 70 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.15	
Do. (New)	50 b	50,000 \$10 all	93 cts. Jan.	75 cts. Dec.	1	80	70 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.15	
Philippines	34 b	75,000 \$10 all	—	—	4	4	None	
H. Price & Co. Ltd.	55 b	12,000 \$10 all	—	—	20	20	None	
Societe des Pulpes et Papier	20 b	13,200 \$10 all	5.00 June	4 Nov.	32	3		

OUR SPORTS LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

London, Nov. 15.

(Continued from Yesterday)

This has been a sad week for cricketers. Following the report of the death of G. R. Hazlitt in Australia came news that Capt. G. R. Davies, who was next in succession to the Cambridge University captaincy had fallen in action at Hellicott, and that F. H. Bacon, the Hampshire County Secretary, who was acting as assistant paymaster in the Royal Naval Reserve, had been drowned at his post of duty. Going up to Cambridge from Russell, Davies got his Blue in his first year and played twice against Oxford without, however, achieving the success expected from him. This it always seemed, was due to nervousness, for there was no doubt concerning his talents. How good an all round player he really was he showed in assisting Essex. During his last season for the county and he only played when not wanted by the 'Varsity he obtained 82 runs with an average of 21, and secured 33 wickets at a cost of 19 runs each. A slow medium bowler he varied his pace effectively, and could turn the ball both ways. Though a public schoolboy Bacon started his cricket-career as a professional playing first for Hampshire in 1894. In his opening match he scored a century, and had an average of 26 for the season. When Dr. Russell Bencraft resigned the honorary secretaryship of the club Bacon was appointed as his paid successor, and he had no superior as an organizer of county cricket. Keen on rugger and hockey, Bacon was also joint secretary of the Trojans Football Club, which has more of its members on Service than any other club in the United Kingdom.

"Rudi."

Major H. H. the Jam Sahi of Nawangar—we still know him as Ranji of his cricketing days and our respect for him is not lessened by the implied familiarity—has resumed his military duties, though he has not yet returned to the front to take up his position as A.D.C. to Sir John French. Happily the accident which befell him whilst shooting on the Yorkshire moors has proved to be less serious than was at first feared, and has not left any permanent injury to his eyesight. The Jam has a wonderful popularity here, and the evening paper which announced his accident on its contents bill as "Ranji shot" has not been forgiven for its "catch half-penny" sensationalism. From all over the world, wherever cricket is played, the Prince has received sincere expressions of sympathy. One in particular has pleased him very much. This was from the Melbourne Cricket Club, written by Hugh Trumble, the famous bowler, who is now the Secretary. Trumble wrote: "At the last meeting of my committee I was requested to write and convey to you the very deep sympathy of the President of the club and Committee in your most unfortunate accident, particulars of which were cabled to Australia. The force is expressed that the accident is not so severe as represented and that you may have a speedy and successful recovery. With the best of good wishes from our members, who have very pleasant recollections of your visit to these shores."

The Jam has a delightful residence on the banks of the Thames at Staines, and he has had this converted into a hospital for wounded soldiers. Naturally he has taken great interest in it, and now that he is well again is giving it his personal superintendence.

Football.

The first two months of football have resulted in over £3,000 being raised for war charities, and provided the season is completed, and there is nothing to suggest that it will not be, though Lord Derby's new recruiting scheme is driving all the young men into khaki, the total sum will not be under £12,000. Opponents of the game, those who say that it should not be played even in much improved times as at present are unkind enough to call this "charitable money." More than

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POST OFFICE

PARCELS FOR AUSTRALIA

On and after the 1st of January next the rate of postage to be collected on parcels to the Commonwealth of Australia will be as follows:—

1/- for the first lb. or fraction thereof.

1/- for each succeeding lb. or fraction thereof.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

The Post Office will be open on Saturday the 27th December, and on Saturday, the 1st January from 8 to 9 a.m.

There will be one delivery of ordinary correspondence and one collection of letters each day as on Sunday.

There will be a delivery of Registered correspondence during the morning of the 26th December and 1st January.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

Ship is in communication with Cape D'Araburra Radio Telegraph Station:—

Salamis Novara Empire

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

MAILS DUE

England, NOVRA, 2nd Dec.

Australia, Empire, 2nd Dec.

MAILS CLOSE TO DAY.

Haihong—Per HIKOSEN M. 21st Dec. 5 p.m.

Shanghai—Per HIKOSEN M. 21st Dec. 5 p.m.

Shanghai—Per TINGCLOW. 21st Dec. 3 p.m.

(Shanghai Br. P.O. Saturday, 25th Dec.)

TO-MORROW.

Haihong and Haiphong—Per LOKSANG. 2nd Dec. 7 a.m.

Paktow & Haiphong—Per KAIPONG. 2nd Dec. 9 a.m.

Haihong & Haiphong—Per DAIGI M. 2nd Dec. 9 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan via Moji Europe via Siberia—Per NOVRA. 2nd Dec. 4 p.m.

(Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 25th Dec.)

THURSDAY 25th Dec.

Straits—Per LYCAON. 25th Dec. 7 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Amoy & Taku—Per SOSHU M. 25th Dec. 9 a.m.

Haihong & Haiphong—Per HONGKONG. 25th Dec. 9 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan via Moji, Victoria B. C. and Seattle & United Kingdom via Canada (Europe via Siberia)—Per YOKOHAMA M. 25th Dec. 9 a.m.

(Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 25th Dec.)

Saturday.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan via Moji Europe via Siberia—Per SHANTUNG. 25th Dec. 3 p.m.

(Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 25th Dec.)

Sunday.

Shanghai & North China via Europe via Siberia—Per SHANTUNG. 25th Dec. 3 p.m.

(Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 25th Dec.)

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Shanghai & North China via Europe via Siberia—Per HAI-TAN. 25th Dec. 1 p.m.

(Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 25th Dec.)

WEDNESDAY, 26th Dec.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Taku—Per DALIUM M. 26th Dec. 9 a.m.

Philippines—Per TANAN. 26th Dec. 3 p.m.

THURSDAY 27th Dec.

Straits, Ceylon, Port Said, Marseilles & London—Per KASHIMA M. 30th Dec. 11 a.m.

Canadian & Siberian Mail.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, United States, South America and Canada via San Francisco & U. S. via Siberia—Per SEINYO M. 30th Dec. 11 a.m.

(Shanghai Br. P.O. Saturday, 1st Jan.)

Friday.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, United States, South America and Canada via San Francisco & U. S. via Siberia—Per KASHIMA M. 30th Dec. 11 a.m.

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TUESDAY, 28th Dec.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAI-MUN. 28th Dec. noon.

Philippines—Per TANAN. 28th Dec. 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 29th Dec.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, United States, South America and Canada via San Francisco & U. S. via Siberia—Per KASHIMA M. 30th Dec. 11 a.m.

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THURSDAY 30th Dec.

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